

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 089708

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFEELE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG, GB, US

SUBJECT: CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE REPORTEDLY SEEKING NEW TIES  
WITH U.S.

REF: LIBREVILLE 0978

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CHANGES WITH GOGB. YOU SHOULD CONVEY OUR THANKS TO HIM  
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FOR AMBASSADOR FOR INFO ONLY

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